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**TO:** Andrew T. Souza

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**FOR:** Mayor and Members of the City Council

**SUBJECT:** CITYWIDE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

The *Citywide Weekly Report* highlights various activities throughout the City for the week. Consistent with our mission to ensure equal access to opportunity, education, and quality of life for every man, woman and child regardless of their race, religion, age or socio-economic status, this report will work to organize our weekly achievements so that we can measure and maximize our management and performance toward reaching our goals. It is our intent that this report will help to improve communications about the programs and services provided to both the City Council and the community.

Please feel free to contact the Public Affairs Department with any questions.

## MAJOR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

### Airports

#### New Air Service for FYI

- On Monday, February 5, ExpressJet officially announced service between Fresno and Ontario beginning April 30th and between Fresno and San Diego on May 14th. Each city will be served with two flights per day in each direction. The ExpressJet fleet of 50-seat Embraer ERJ-145 aircraft is configured with no middle seat, assigning every ExpressJet passenger a seat on the aisle, window, or both.

## UPCOMING EVENTS and PROJECTS

### Public Works

- Public Works staff continues to prepare for stakeholder meetings for the Street Impact Fees. Staff is working with two consultants Economic Planning Systems (EPS) and Fehr & Peers to prepare a nexus report. Staff is also paired in smaller teams with the stakeholders to address key issues that need to be addressed before taking the ordinance to City Council for vote.

## **WEEKLY NEWS**

### ***KEY RESULT AREA: PUBLIC SAFETY***

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#### **Police**

- On Wednesday, February 1st, officers with Fresno Police Department engaged an armed bank robber in a 23 minute high speed pursuit through north Fresno. On at least two occasions, the suspect fired a shotgun at pursuing officers but missed. The pursuit ended in Clovis at the Orchard Park Assisted Living Center where the suspect exited his vehicle with his shotgun in hand and was shot. Officers immediately rendered aide to the suspect, but he did not survive. The suspect was a registered sex offender with two felony warrants for drug and weapon violations, and was responsible for a January 31st bank robbery in northwest Fresno.

#### **Fire**

- From February 2 through February 8 at 1430 hours, fire crews responded to 591 incidents.
- The Fire Academy commenced Monday, February 5, 2007, at 0800 hours.

### ***KEY RESULT AREA: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT***

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#### **Finance**

- The Government Finance Officer's Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) announced this week that the City of Fresno, California has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its FY 2007 budget. In order to receive this budget award, the entity has to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- \*a policy document
- \*a financial plan
- \*an operations guide
- \*a communication device

This is the 4th consecutive year that the City of Fresno has been recognized for this award.

### ***KEY RESULT AREA: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT***

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#### **Economic Development**

##### **KFSR's Business Roundtable features Economic Development**

- This week on THE PULSE, KFSR radio's Business Roundtable, Scott Johnson and Melodee Schwamb from Fresno City Department of Economic Development will provide an update on downtown redevelopment and other exciting projects.

Hear firsthand what the City of Fresno has on the drawing board. Tune in to 90.7 KFSR Saturday at noon or Sunday at 9:00am. If you miss this edition, you can hear it online along with on-demand audio archives and podcast at [www.kfsr.org](http://www.kfsr.org).

## ***KEY RESULT AREA: CUSTOMER SERVICE***

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### **Parks and Recreation**

- PRCS is partnering with Read Fresno to bring a book exchange program to the Senior Hot Meals Program. Each of the 16 Senior hot meal locations will receive one set of approximately 45 – 55 books to be used by program participants. After one month, sites will exchange sets of books at monthly staff meetings.
- The PRCS Youth Basketball program held a taste testing with fruit and other healthy foods this past Saturday at Ted C. Wills. The nutrition element has been very well received by parents and the kids. Channel 30 stopped by for video of the program.

### **Public Works**

- Public Works Median Island Team performed the following:  
Cleaned 4.6 Million Sq Ft. which equates to 106 acres.  
Sprayed 7 Hundred Thousand Sq Ft.  
A total of 169 hours in irrigation repairs.